

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, in the Performing Arts Center of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, William A. Estrella, Jr, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 PM.

Present: William A. Estrella, Jr., Marjorie J. McBride, Paul Silva, William M. Ojide, Paul E. Brule, Diana B. Campbell, David L. Dugan, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction; Mary Cerullo, Executive Director of Literacy K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

OPENING BUSINESS

All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mr. Estrella asked everyone to remain standing in honor on those

people, many from Bristol and Warren, who have died in service to our country. Also, Mr. Estrella mentioned that Mr. Barnaby, from Kickemuit Middle School, fell gravely ill this weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Diniz, a Mt. Hope High School student preparing to go before the Eagle Scout Board of Review, asked for permission to do his eagle scout project near the Hugh Cole School. His plan is to clear a walking path between the Sepe Pavilion and the Hugh Cole property as well as paths for nature walks to the cemetery behind the school. Without objection, Mr. Estrella and Mr. Pugh will work with Nathan over the next few weeks; no objection was voiced.

ACCOLADES

Three of our athletes from the Mt. Hope Boys' Track team participated in the 2007 State Pentathlon Competition. They competed in the 1600 meter, 200 meter, long jump, high jump and discuss, and placed as finalists. This is the first plaque won by a Mt. Hope track team. Congratulations to their coach, Andrew Sabourin, and to: Geoff Hawley, Danny Shears and David Shears

All-Division and All-State award winners for Winter Sports

Girls' Basketball: Ariel Teixeira, Ashley Maisano and Kristen Woodring

Boys' Basketball: Andrew Lombardi

Boys' Swim: Eric Boulanger

Girls' Swim: Hillary Mulvey, Erin Oliver, Emily Annell, Kristen Belmore and Jamie Souza

All-State Cheerleading: Kayla Nerone and Kaela Oliveira

Gymnastics: Kyle MacGovern, Kayla Dallaire, Samantha Soares and Laura Felix

Hockey: Corey Lescault, Ryan Doherty, Ben Morrisette and James Turenne

Wrestling: Kenneth Murgu, Gregory Brown, Eric Francis, Stephen O'Donnell, Zachary Ziobro, Kiefer McCaughley and Jordan Almeida

Girls' Indoor Track: Tara Turnbull, Alexandria Teixeira, Emma MacDougall, Meghan McMullen, Shawna Jamiel and Nicole Morreo

Boys' Indoor Track: Troy Silvia, David Shears, Daniel Shears, Benjamin Persons, Eduardo Romanus, Cesar "Alfredo" Smith and special recognition of Frank Campo-Academic All-State

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. McBride asked to remove sections B and G from Superintendent's Recommendation #S2007-16 Personnel from the consent vote.

Mrs. Campbell asked to remove items VI. B. Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, C. Report of the Executive Director of Literacy K-12, Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and E. Report of

the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, from the consent vote.

Mr. Saviano asked to remove Section A from Superintendent's Recommendation #S2007-16 Personnel from the consent vote.

Mr. Estrella directed that Recommendation #S2007-15 be stricken from the agenda, as that recommendation is included in #S2007-16.

Mr. Silva motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.

Mr. Silva commented that the Committee is accepting the retirement of Mr. Pugh, who has been maintaining the facilities and keeping the District operating even with limited funds and he thanked Mr. Pugh for all his efforts. Mr. Estrella also mentioned that Mr. Pugh has been available 24/7 and is active in all building projects and provides innumerable services. Mr. Estrella also commented on the retirement of Louis Oliveira from Technology Department and Boat Building Program at Kickemuit, Linda Levesque from Mt. Hope High School and Rebecca Borges from Byfield School.

Mr. Silva motioned to seal the minutes to the April 23 and May 14, 2007 Executive Sessions. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:45 PM

In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr.

Silva motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:45 PM for legal advice and discussion of personnel matters. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING jV 8:40 PM

Discussed in Executive Session were the topics mentioned above.

BUDGET/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Oj'Dell reported the next meeting is June 16th at 6:00 PM at Oliver to discuss the budget; a balanced budget must be approved by the full Committee by June 30th. Mr. Oj'Dell asked the Committee to forward agenda items to him.

POLICY/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE

Recommendation #PCA2007-06: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Exhibit GCB-E Professional Relationship Between the School Committee and the Administration of the BWRSD

Recommendation #PCA2007-07: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IKF Graduation Requirements (Second Reading)

Recommendation #PCA2007-08: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy JEC School Admissions and JEC-R School Admissions (First Reading)

Recommendation #PCA2007-09: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the revised School Committee Policy IGBG Tutoring (Homebound Instruction) (First Reading)

Recommendation #PCA2007-10: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, approve the new School Committee Policy Automated External Defibrillators (First Reading)

Recommendation #PCA2007-11: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, send a letter to the bus carrier to enforce the School Committee Policies EEAA: Walker and Riders, and EEAA-R: Transportation Policy Guidelines, as written, enforce localized bus stops for kindergarteners and eliminate door-to-door bus stops for kindergarteners.

Mrs. McBride requested all the Policy Recommendations be tabled to the next meeting. Mr. Estrella obliged.

PERSONNEL / CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Silva had nothing new to report at this time. He intends to meet

with Dr. Mara and then the Subcommittee in preparation for next year.

Mr. Estrella alerted the Subcommittee Chairs that there will be only one School Committee meeting in the month of July. The June Workshop will be held at the high School.

CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES

School Committee Issues List

**Spring landscaping and erosion of property corners can be removed.
The rest remains as is.**

Future Workshop Agenda Items

Send all requests to Mr. Estrella or the Secretary.

„X School Committee goals - June Workshop

„X School Calendar - needed to be adjusted to resolve a conflict with a professional development day near Memorial Day weekend; vote to approve - June Meeting

„X District's organizational chart ¡V update by Dr. Mare at the June Workshop

„X Virtual High School - a resource option for enrichment and A.P. courses, future workshop

COLT ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. McBride reported a pre-bid conference was held today; bids will be opened on June 15th at 2:00 PM; she and Mr. Pugh are working on some inventory items. Mr. Estrella mentioned that Mrs. McBride has been working hard with the community coordinating the 4th of July activities; patriotic ceremonies will start in front of the Colt School. The secretary will coordinate parade uniforms and each school will have a banner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES

Recommendation #S 2007-16: Personnel

A. APPOINTMENT: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Director of Plant and Facilities as listed below:

1. George Simmons, Jr. Director of Plant and Facilities

Effective: July 1, 2007

Reason: To fill a vacancy (Retirement of V R. Pugh)

Funding: Operational Budget

B. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for

the 2007-08 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):

COACHES jV MT. HOPE HIGH

Sport Position Coach

- 1. Basketball (Boys) Head Coach Michael Topazio**
- 2. Basketball (Boys) Asst. Coach Christopher Munzert**
- 3. Basketball (Girls) Head Coach William St. Vincent**
- 4. Cheerleading (Fall) Head Coach Sharon Lombardo**
- 5. Cheerleading (Fall) Asst. Coach Debra Marshall**
- 6. Cheerleading (Winter) Head Coach Sharon Lombardo**
- 7. Cheerleading (Winter) Asst. Coach Debra Marshall**
- 8. Cross Country Head Coach Jon Lawson**
- 9. Cross Country Asst. Coach Andrew Sabourin**
- 10. Football Head Coach Ronald J. Silva ***
- 11. Golf Head Coach Christopher Munzert**
- 12. Lacrosse (Boys) Head Coach Scot Clark**
- 13. Lacrosse (Girls) Head Coach Lee Parker**
- 14. Lacrosse (Girls) Asst. Coach Kerri Ferreira**
- 15. Soccer (Girls) Head Coach Roy Borges**
- 16. Soccer (Girls) Co. Asst. Coach Caitlyn Sardinha**
- 17. Soccer (Girls) Co. Asst. Coach Kerri Ferreira**
- 18. Softball (Girls) Head Coach Fernando DaSilva**
- 19. Special Olympics Co-Coach Susan Carlson**
- 20. Wrestling Head Coach Brian Hutchison**
- 21. Wrestling Asst. Coach Bruce Hutchison**

*** pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment**

C. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the School of the 21st Century, Before and After School Program, as listed below (pending sufficient enrollment to warrant running this program and DCYF CANTS clearance):

1. Brittany Conley Child Care Intern (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the
2006-07 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

2. Jamie L. Hallam Child Care Intern (Part Time)

Effective: Immediately, for the remainder of the
2006-07 school year

Reason: To fill a vacancy

Funding: Parent Fees/Self-Sufficient

D. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the

office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

CERTIFIED

Name Area/Level

- 1. Katelyn McCanna Elementary/Sp.Ed.**
- 2. Celina Ospina Portuguese/Spanish**
- 3. James W. Pearse Elementary**
- 4. Adam Tracy Art**

E. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

- 1. Kathy I. Donato**

CUSTODIANS/MAINTENANCE

- 2. Antonio Pacheco**

F. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 12, 2007 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

Name Anticipated Assignment

1. Lori-Ann Albuquerque Elementary
2. Lynn Bettencourt Elementary
3. Sarah Crowell Elementary/Middle Special Educator
4. Petra OjilHagan Elementary/Middle Special Educator

G. TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: The Superintendent recommends to the School Committee the termination, effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year, of the following listed auxiliary school personnel:

Start Date

1. Lori Acciardo 1/5/04
2. Kathryn Almeida (Part Time) 8/30/06
3. Margaret Almeida 5/2/02
4. Jillian Amato 11/1/04
5. Monica Beres 9/3/03
6. Bonnie Dion 9/3/03
7. Kathy Donegan (Part Time) 11/8/04

- 8. Victoria Guthlein (Part Time) 9/1/04**
- 9. Lorie Kauffman (Part Time) 4/27/04**
- 10. Darlene Rezendes (Part Time) 4/27/04**
- 11. Denise Salamon 10/4/04**
- 12. Robin Shaw 10/4/04**
- 13. Laura Silva (Part Time) 3/2/05**
- 14. Corinne St. Pierre 5/6/02**

H. LEAVES OF ABSENCE: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant leaves of absence for a Elementary Teacher and a Teacher Assistant as follows:

- 1. Melissa A. Velleca Grade One Teacher - Hugh Cole**

Effective: November 4, 2007, for 6-8 weeks

Reason: Maternity leave in accordance with

Article 21, Section L1 of the Master

Agreement

- 2. Kathy Donegan Teacher Assistant iV Hugh Cole**

Effective: May 2, 2007, through the end of the

2006-07 school year, pending release

from physician

Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20

of the Master Agreement

I. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations listed below:

1. Louis M. Oliveira Industrial Technology Teacher ¡V Kickemuit Middle

Effective: End of 2006-07 School Year

Reason: Retirement

2. Nicole Sousa Music Teacher ¡V Kickemuit Middle

Effective: May 18, 2007

Reason: Personal

3. Linda M. Levesque Principal¡s Secretary ¡V Mt. Hope High

Effective: September 14, 2007

Reason: Retirement

4. Robert W. Pugh Director of Plant and Facilities

Effective: December 31, 2007

Reason: Retirement

5. Rebecca N. Borges Grade Four Teacher - Byfield

Effective: End of the 2006-07 School Year

Reason: Retirement

SECTION A: Mrs. McBride motioned to accept. Mr. Silva seconded.

The Committee discussed the mechanics of the change from one director and one assistant to just one position after December 31st; another staff member will take on additional duties; contracts will be for one year until the organizational structure is settled. The motion to approve Section A passed by a vote of 8 to 1 with Mr. Saviano voting no.

SECTION B: Mrs. McBride motioned to table until the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Silva seconded. Mr. Ojeda will object to tabling; the process needs fixing and these positions need to be filled and move forward. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 7 to 2 with Mr. Ojeda and Mr. Saviano voting no.

SECTION G: Mr. Silva recused himself from this vote. Mrs. McBride motioned to approve; Mr. Ojeda seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with one recusal.

AGENDA ITEMS IV. B., C. and E. (Reports):

Assistant Superintendent: In response to questions from the Committee, Mrs. Thies said there is no software tool to review NECAP assessment data, single classroom data can be disaggregated as well, and over time, trends can be discerned; this year's science assessment was a pilot; science aligned with GLEs will be tested in the spring.

Executive Director of Literacy: Mrs. Cerullo will work with Diane Morris of the Technology Department to post Betsy Ose's parenting tips on the District's website; also, Title I parent meetings are open to all parents.

Director of Pupil Personnel Services: Mrs. Campbell requested further discussion about the questionnaire on students' current status and retention. Mr. Estrella will assign it to a workshop.

Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, motioned to accept the reports of the Assistant Superintendent, Director of Literacy and Director of Pupil Personnel Services. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

The Warren Fire Department is actively engaged in a Rhode Island emergency medical distribution drill; Kickemuit will be a point of distribution.

Best wishes from the School Committee to the Kickemuit Middle School staff for recognition by NELMS as a spotlight school.

ADJOURNMENT 8:22 PM

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. McBride, motioned to adjourn at 9:15 PM. The vote was

unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Silva, Secretary